

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken any concrete measures to implement the projects pertaining to potable water supply and water and sewage disposal in major cities of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to include these projects under the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the World Bank or any other agencies have made their proposal to extend financial assistance for these projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): Water supply and sanitation being State subjects, the State Governments and local bodies are responsible for provision of water supply and sanitation facilities in cities and towns of the States.

To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in providing water supply and low cost sanitation facilities, this Ministry is implementing a Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for providing water supply facility in small towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census) and the Low Cost Sanitation scheme (LCS).

Under AUWSP water supply schemes for eight towns have been approved so far at an estimated cost of Rs.1407.29 lakhs and Rs.455.42 lakhs has been released as Central share (till 15.10.2001). Under LCS 14 schemes covering 116 towns of West Bengal have been approved at a project cost of Rs.165.78 cores involving a loan amount (to be given by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation) Rs.57.48 cores and subsidy (to be given by this Ministry) amount of Rs.50.97 cores. Rs.38.33 cores has been released as subsidy and Rs.22.71 cores has been released as loan under LCS to West Bengal.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir, the World Bank has provided an advance of US \$ 2.5 million on 23.7.99 for preparation of Kolkata Water Supply Sewerage and Drainage Project. The advance is being utilized for

- (i) consulting services for preparation of project and training,
- (ii) computer and office technology equipment,
- (iii) pilot works of desilting and rehabilitation of trunk sewer.

French assistance of French Francs (FF) 35,998,715 has been provided under the Indo-French Financial Protocol signed on 23.11.98 for Improvement in the Management of the Kolkata Water Supply System. The project envisages mapping of water mains, installation of flow and pressure monitoring sites, water meters, implementation of water management software, training and technology transfer.